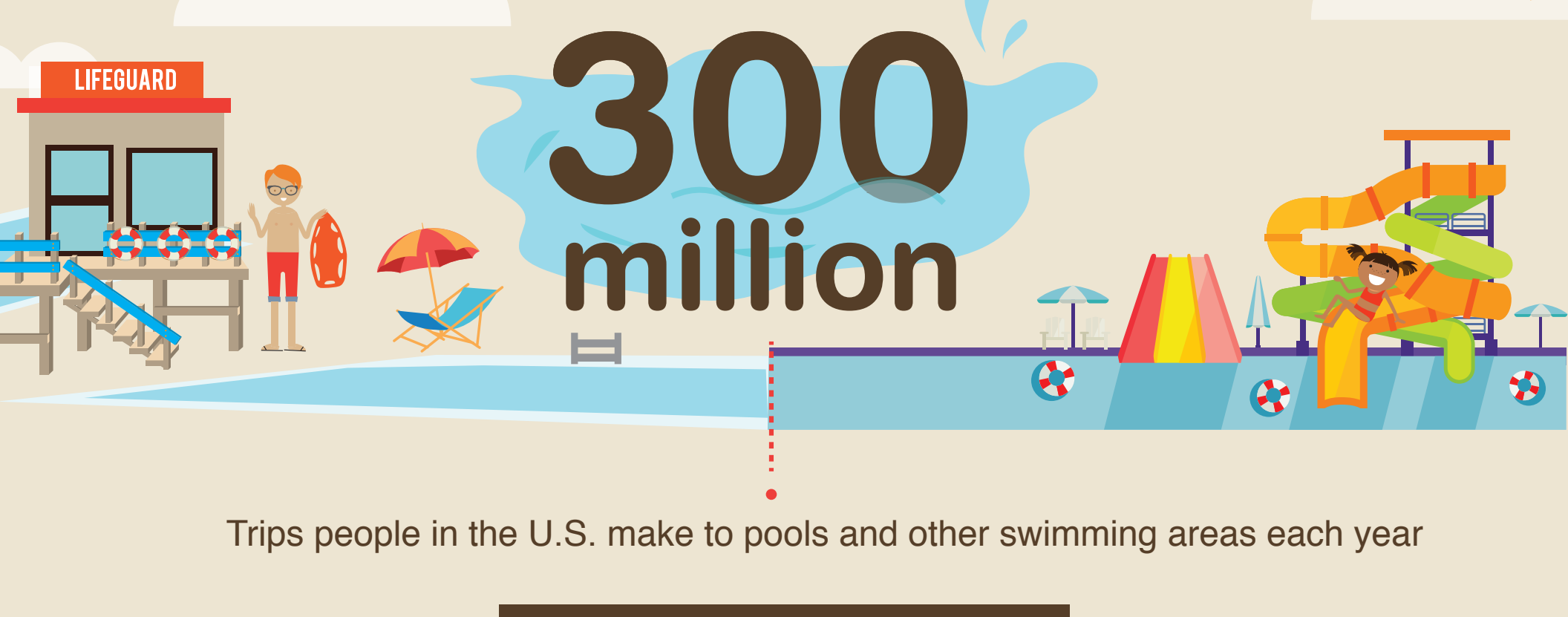


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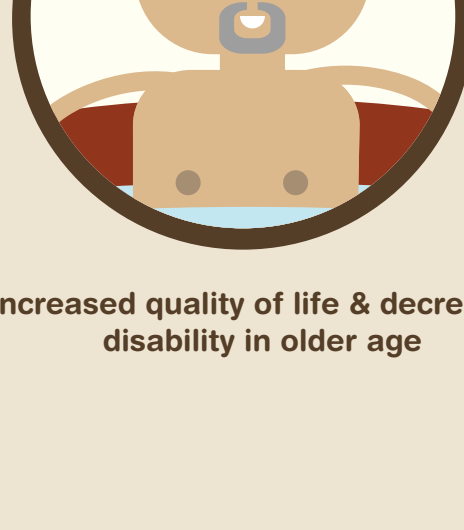
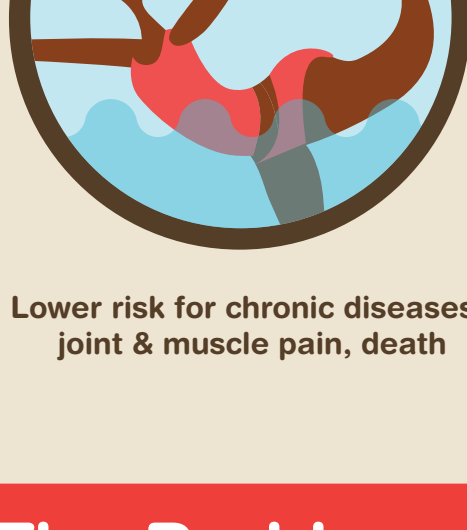
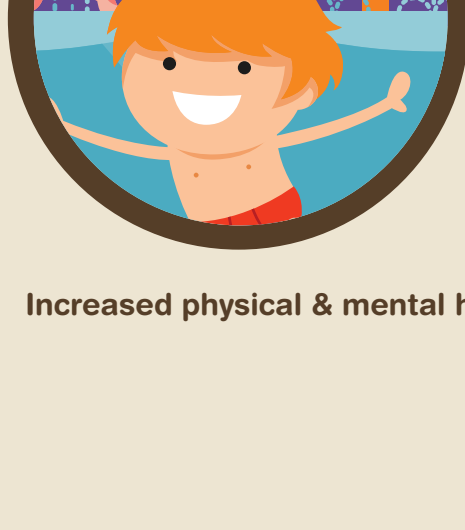
## The Model Aquatic Health Code

The MAHC is a free resource, based on science and best practices, to help state and local health professionals make swimming and other water activities healthier and safer.



Trips people in the U.S. make to pools and other swimming areas each year

### People who swim can enjoy

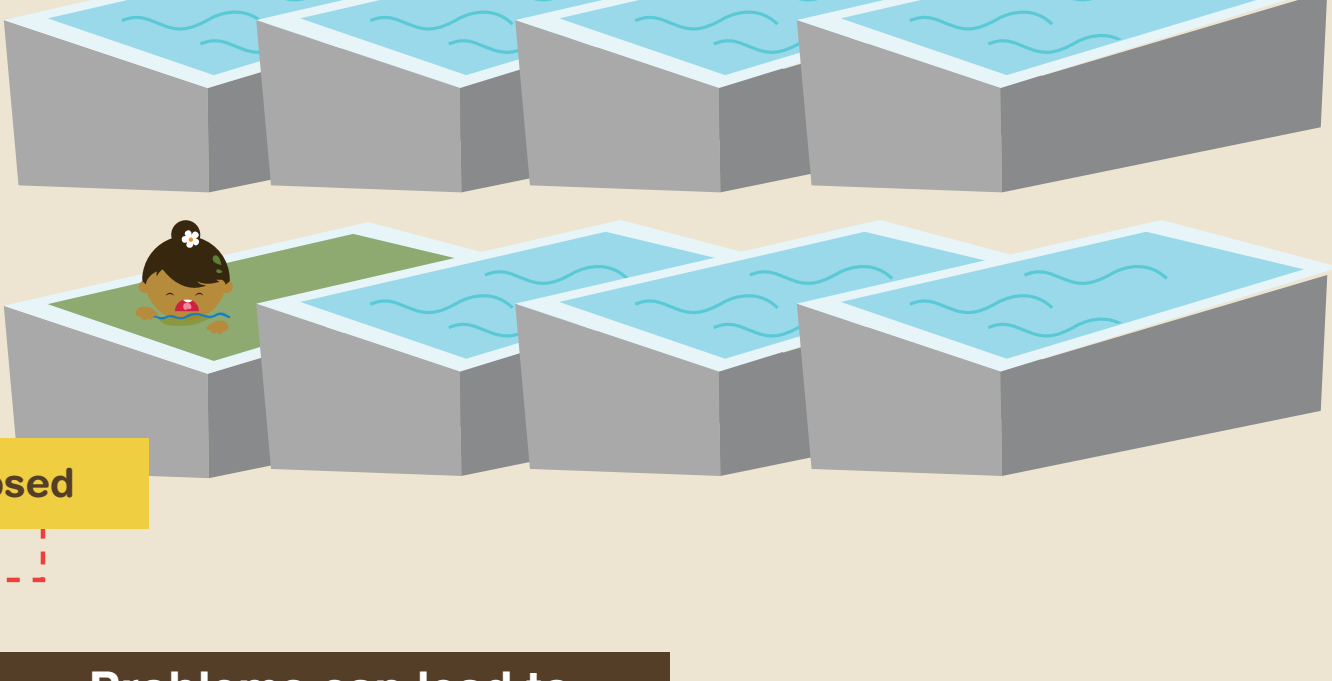
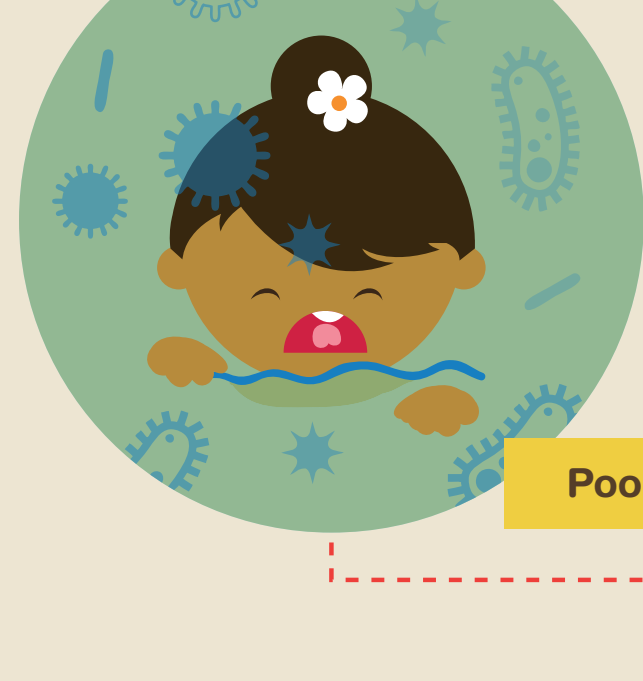


### The Problem

But some places we swim aren't clean or safe.

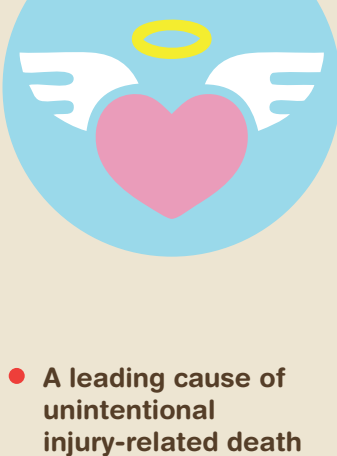
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Pools closed immediately on routine inspection for critical health and safety problems



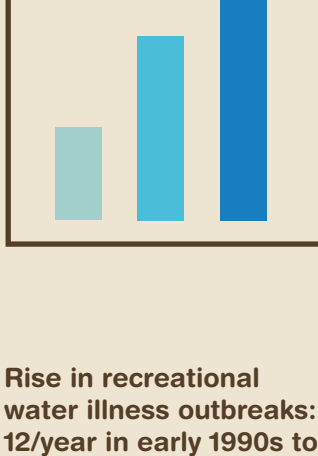
### Problems can lead to

#### Drowning

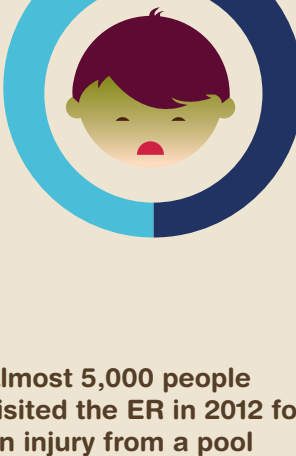


• A leading cause of unintentional injury-related death for children ages 1-14, second only to motor vehicle crashes

#### Outbreaks



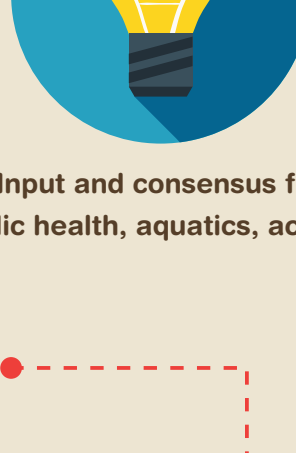
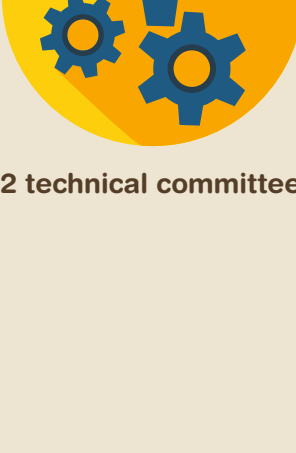
#### Chemical Injuries



• Almost 5,000 people visited the ER in 2012 for an injury from a pool chemical—almost half of visits were among kids

### The Process

7 years



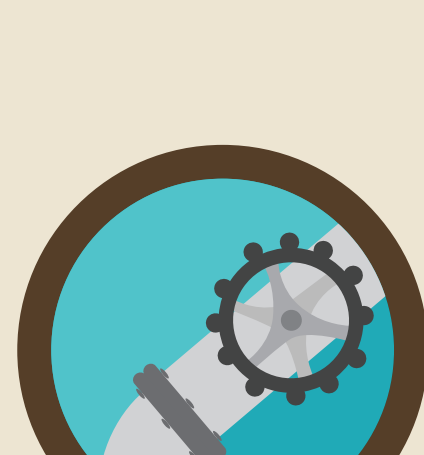
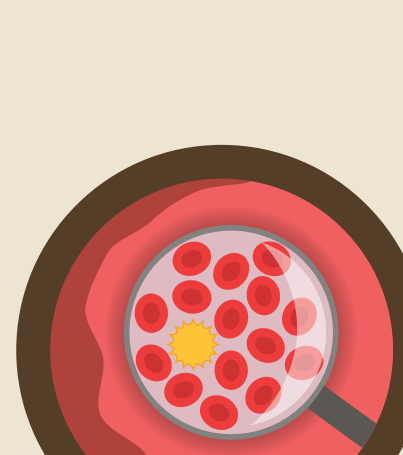
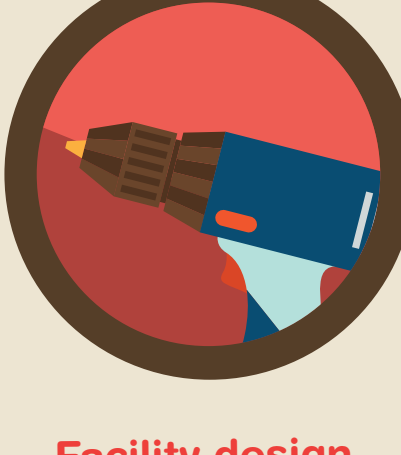
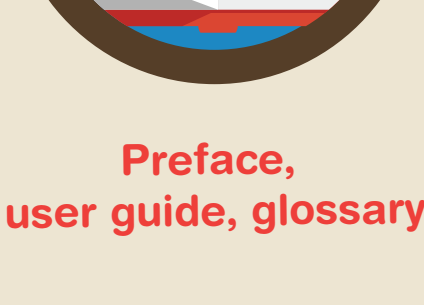
### 2 rounds of public comment

4,407 comments

Received from partners, industry, public health, and interested public

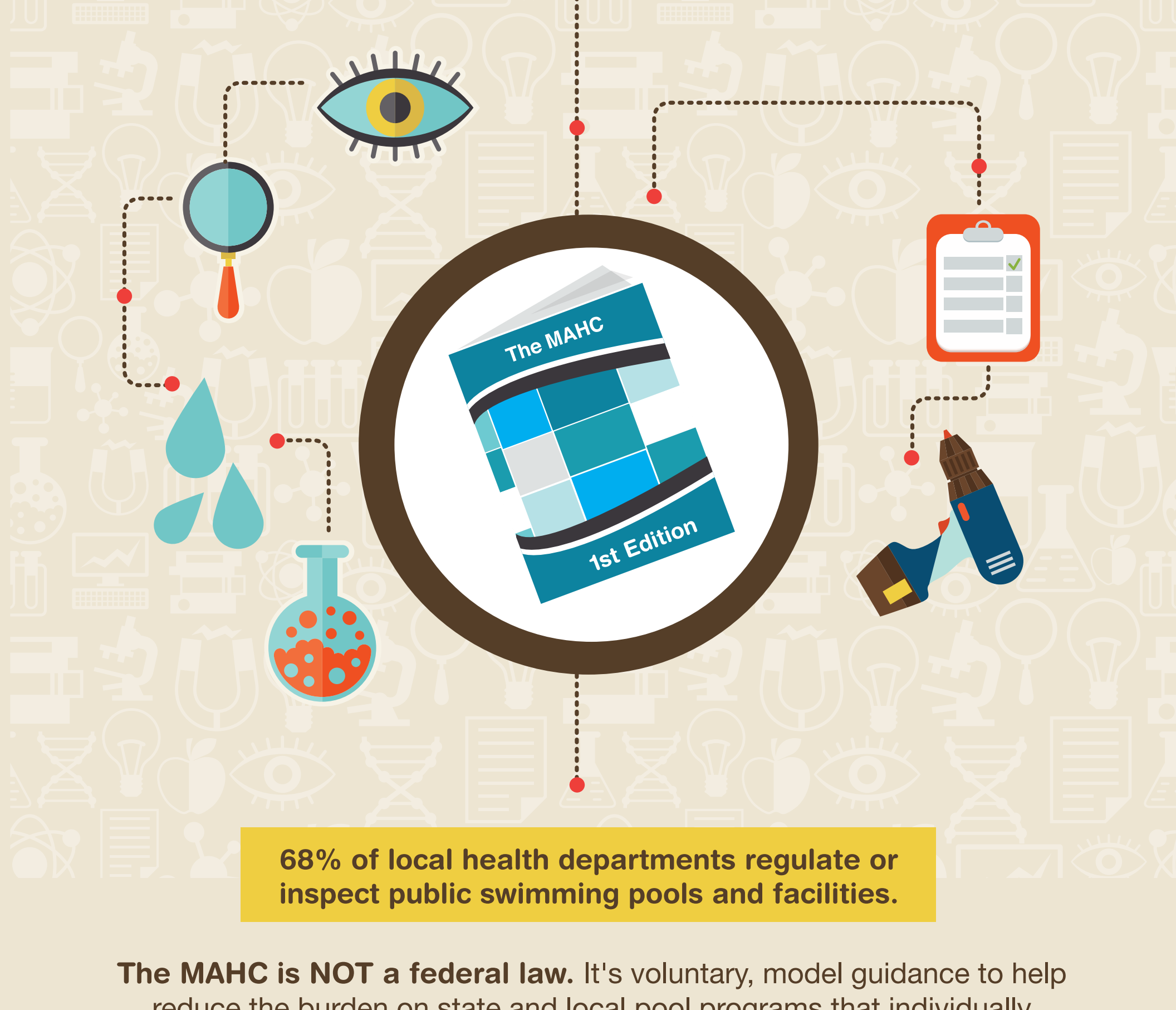
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## 14 Topic Areas:



### The Product

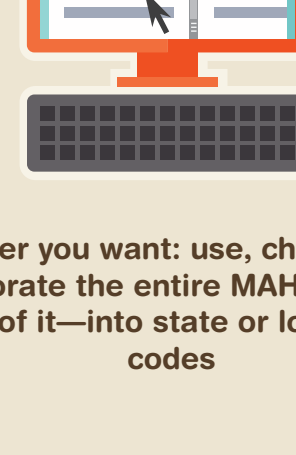
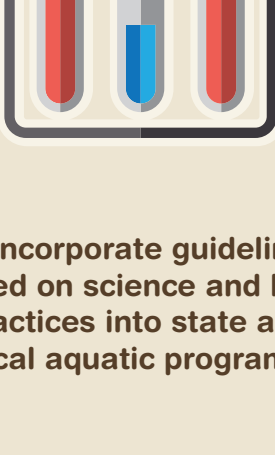
Guidelines, based on science and best practices, on how to best design, construct, operate, and maintain public pools and other aquatic facilities



68% of local health departments regulate or inspect public swimming pools and facilities.

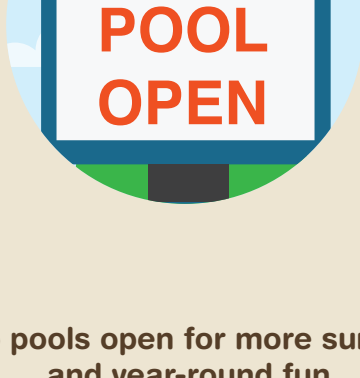
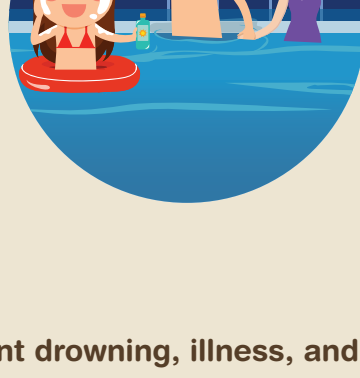
The MAHC is NOT a federal law. It's voluntary, model guidance to help reduce the burden on state and local pool programs that individually write their own codes.

### Use the MAHC



### The Public Health Impact

The MAHC can help:



Help make swimming healthier and safer.

